

Grant County Weed Board Meeting
Carson Courthouse
July 18th, 2023

President Leonard called meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. Members Present: Leonard Gerhardt, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase, Marty Meyer, Tessa Osterbauer, NDSU Extension Agent and Merlin Leithold, weed officer. Absent were Dick Woodbury, Drew Gaugler and Walker Sabin.

Secretary's Report: Marty moved to approve the minutes as presented. Denis seconded the motion, **M/C**.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$180,310.93 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$16,510.87 Receipts: \$6427.50
Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$35.38, WRT – phone- \$85.25, Eido – bug day ad - \$52.00
MariAnn Leithold –bug day - \$142.50 Kalyssa Leithold – bug day - \$142.50, Nutrien – chemical - \$14,571.00,
Visa – bug nets & annual data logger fee - \$846.00, GS Publishing – bug day ad - \$102.00, Merlin Leithold –
Reimburse for oil change - \$135.51, Marty Meyer –board - \$39.30, Morris Haase – board - \$102.51, Leonard
Gerhardt – board -\$116.92, Denis Tibor – board - \$140.00

Morris moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Marty seconded the motion, **M/C**

NDSU Extension Report: Tessa mentioned that grasshoppers are a problem. Grant County Fair is scheduled later in August here in Carson. There will be a fall grazing meeting later in September. Feel free to call or text Tessa with any questions or concerns.

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that it has been going slow but sure due to weather. Has about a third of the roads sprayed. Steven Zenker has picked up chemical and is spraying. Randy Lyons and crew plan to start by the end of August. Plenty of work lined up for both.

Bug Day report: Had .75hdts rain overnight and early in the morning again, so dealt with wet grass for most of the morning. When grass dried, bugs were being collected in large numbers. Over 61 people in attendance. Gave out beetles to 48 landowners totaling around 219,000 beetles collected. Less than last year, but still a successful day. Morton County had a crew of 3 there. NDDA was in attendance with 3 people.

Budget: Meeting with county commissioners' tomorrow morning at 11, presenting the budget. Anyone on the board is more than welcome to come. Merlin said he adjusted the income and expense columns, to adjust for the extra income under the tax line, to reflect a more balanced budget.

Electric Bid: Schaff Electric from Flasher was the only bid received. Wutzke stated that he won't bid projects anymore. Casey Schaff's bid is \$1,100.00. This includes putting the wire in conduit. Denis moved to accept the bid from Schaff Electric for \$1,100.00. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

Other? None

New Business: Merlin brought to the board concerns he has with the proposed property tax bill which is now in the signature phase. Good discussion.

Next meeting: September 19th, in Carson at 8:00 pm

Being no further business, Denis moved to adjourn the meeting, Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President